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Subject: RE: Columbia River TMDL

Mary Lou,

Thank you for asking the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho to respond to your grant application. Here are our comments:

The Kootenai Tribe supports the concept of consultation and stresses that each Tribe has its own characteristics and needs. Therefore, while a framework concept is laudible, it does not replace the need for the agency to consult individually with each tribe and provide the resources needed for effective consultation.

In light of the fact that Region 10 of EPA has just issued a consultation framework, the Tribe is not clear about the intent of the grant but certainly, money to participate in the consultation process is of importance. As you are aware, many Tribal staffs are on a tight budget, especially for environmental activities. Providing the resources to do consultation are an important aspect of achieving effective participation.

The Kootenai Tribe is concerned about the potential secondary effects that the Columbia Mainstem TMDL will have on upriver systems, such as the Kootenai River. Of particular concern is the potential for using upriver water to mitigate for temperature problems in the lower river, etc. These concerns are not addressed if the TMDL process does not consider the river system north of the Canadian border. There are many things that occur in Canada that can have an impact on water quality in the states.

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Hi Mary Lou,

Just wanted to let you know that Adriane Borgias with the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho is seeking office input on the questions raised below and will then respond to you.

Teresa

----- Forwarded by Teresa Kubo/R10/USEPA/US on 09/06/2001 02:57 PM -----

Teresa Kubo

To: adriane@kootenai.org

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10:56 AM

Subject: Columbia River TMDL

Hi Adriane,

I called and left a message with your department today, and I wanted to accompany it with an email to explain what I hope to discuss with you. EPA is supporting a grant to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to develop and implement a tribal consultation framework for the Columbia River TMDL. The grant has not yet been funded, but Mary Lou Soscia and Krystyna Wolniakowski, the regional director for NFWF, are going to be meeting soon to begin drafting a workplan for this grant, and I would like to develop some talking points to guide their discussion. With this objective in mind I would ask you to consider the following questions:

- 1) Do you have any specific ideas about how consultation and coordination should proceed from the perspective of the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho?
- 2) Are there any areas in which funding could be used specifically to benefit the consultation and coordination process?
- 3) Can you think of any obstacles to past consultation efforts?
- 4) Are there any key points that we need to keep in mind as we proceed?

Thank you for giving this some thought. Any insights you may have would be much appreciated!

I look forward to talking with you soon--

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